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PATENT APPLICATION
Q58134

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Pierre RIPOCHE, et al.

Allowed: August 13, 2003

Appln. No.: 09/519,847 ✓

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 8169

Examiner: John M. Hoffmann

Filed: March 6, 2000

For: METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL
FIBER PREFORM INCLUDING OUTSIDE
DEPOSITION OF SILICA, POSSIBLY
DOPED SILICA

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statements of Reasons for Allowance contained in the original and supplemental Notices of Allowability dated August 13, 2003, and October 14, 2003, respectively, please enter and consider the following remarks:


COMMENTS ON STATEMENT
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REMARKS

To the extent that they can be understood, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statements. Rather, the claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons explained in the Appeal Brief, specifically regarding the adjustment of relative positions of the injector means and the heating means. See the Appeal Brief at Part V, paragraphs 2 and 3, and Part VIII, paragraph 1.

Respectfully submitted,



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